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3B9, RODRIGUES ISLANDS. Jon, EA2KL, and Luis, EA3ELM, are making plans to be active from **Rodriguez Island**, possibly **October 31st to November 5th**. If everything receives an OK from the Ministry of Communications in in Mauritius (3B8), they plan to be active on 80-10 meters including the WARC bands. Operations will be on CW, SSB and RTTY. The QSL information was not provided at this time.

8P, BARBADOS. Jack/K3KG, Steve/(callsign not provide), John/N6YRU and Vic/KI6IM will be active as **8P9Z** as a Multi/Single effort in the **CQWW SSB Contest, October 26-27th**.

9G, GHANA. Steve, PA3GBQ, reports he will once again spend his holiday in Ghana. He will be there in time to participate in the **ARRL CW Contest** (and possibly the **SSB** one also). His callsign will be **9G5BQ**, and he has some plans to operate from on top of a mountain with nothing between USA and antenna than air. He has not yet decided what category to run (Single Op/ Multi or Single Band). Steve states he will also try to get a license for 160 meter this year (This is not allowed with a 9G5 callsign.).

A3, TONGA. Bob, W7TSQ, will be active as **A35SQ** from **October 16-28th**. His operation will include participation in the CQWW Contest. His plans are to operate all bands except perhaps 160. On his arrival, Bob will be helping Paul (KK6H), A35RK, install new antennas. By the way (BTW), Bob, is the QSL Manager for Paul. QSLs for A35SQ and A35RK go ONLY to W7TSQ with NO to A3 bureau active.

HEARD AND WORKED ON RS-12. This week Joel, WU1F (from FN42 - MA), reports EI4CL, 9Y4VU, F5RRS, EA3AHE and EI7CC were active. He also reports RS-15 is now working Mode K (15 up and 10 down).

IG9, LAMPEDUSA ISLAND (ITALY). Fabio, I4UFH, reports after good results in the 1995 CQWW Phone Contest (IG9W), a team will once again be active from IOTA **AF-019** for the **1996 CQWW Phone Contest** effort. Operations will be from **October 20-27th**. This year they will cover all the 6 band, as a Single Band/Single Op effort. Look for the following (callsign - and band): **IG9/IV3TAN** - 160 meters, **IG9/I4UFH** - 80, **IG9/IT9GSF** - 40, **IG9/IK2QEI** - 20, **IG9/IT9EQO** - 15 and **IG9/IT9GEZ** - 10. There will be a little activity before the Contest to

tune-up the equipment. QSLs will be handled by IV3TAN.

KH8, AMERICAN SAMOA. Members of the Yamata ARS will be active this week from **Ofu Island** starting **October 9-11th**. Look for operators JA1JQY, JA1KJW, JR1LVB, JA3MCA, JA8VE, JA0KNM, JD1BIK and 7L3MNH to sign **homecall/KH8**. Operations will be CW, SSB and satellites with activity on 80-10 meters. QSL to CBA.

ON THE ROAD AGAIN (or should we say sea!). Ron, ZL1AMO, is once again and currently active from **Fiji** as **3D2RW**. Activity is mainly on CW, 80, 40 and 15 meters. He was heard also on SSB operating around 3796-3799 kHz at 1145z. On **October 2nd**, Ron stated he would be leaving for T2 (**Tuvalu**) soon and would be active as **T28RW**. QSL via ZL1AMO.

QSL NEWS AND UPDATES.....

- Whitey, K1VV, states he is "**NOT**" the QSL Manger for **EP2EXX**. He has been receiving DX QSLs every day for EP2EXX and doesn't know how he got listed as his manager.
- The ABRA-DX Brazilian Association has informed OPDX that the first QSLs for the DXpedition from **Coroa Vermelha Island** (last January, **ZW6C** and **ZX6C**) were sent out. They would like to thank all those who made a contact with them, and those for being patient on waiting for the cards. They state the cards are worth the wait.
- **CY0AA QSLs**. Ken, WA8JOC, reports the final proof was OK'd on Monday, September 30th, and WJ2O should be printing them within the next several days. They hope to have the cards within 1-2 weeks at the QSL Manager's QTH. They already have the labels printed for all cards received direct, with the exception of "NOT IN LOG", or band QSO problems. "98% are ready to go!", states Ken. The QSL will be a bifold, 2 faced QSL, and it will be well worth the wait for all. Finally, Ken states, "... Thank you for your patience, and financial support which has continued. The almost 16000 QSOs we made from CY0AA, made many many hams very happy for an all time "NEW ONE", we've been told countless times in the QSL envelopes. We're glad we were able to do it for you. On behalf of Mike/VE9AA, Wayne/K8LEE, and myself... Good DX and 73! KEN, WA8JOC"
- The **LU6Z** GACW Manager, Raul, LU6EF, reports that 1850 direct QSLs have been answered, with some cards going out through the bureau. They also report that about 15 to 20% of the mail sent to them have had the envelopes opened and resealed. They also believe some cards did not make it because the envelopes were stolen for the green stamps and IRCs. Raul states answering the cards is a slow process because it is a "ONE MAN-HANDMADE AFFAIR". An announcement will be made to let everyone know when all the cards have been answered so that individuals can send a second request if they did not receive their cards. ADDED NOTE: Sending cards to LU-land today is a big problem. They recommend NOT to send green stamps, but IRCs instead. DO NOT PUT callsigns on the envelopes and they suggest to send mail to: Box 9, 1875 Wilde, Baires, Argentina, ONLY.
- Leif, SM0BFJ, (QSL Manager for Gus, **9Q5TE**, **9X/SM5DIC**, **5X1D**) reports that on December 31, 1996, he will close the log and QSL for 9Q5TE for the period August 1989 - April 1992.

ZV0, MARTIM VAZ ISLAND. Just a reminder that Stuckert/PT2GTI, Paul/PT2NP and Lunkes/PT2HF from the ABRA-DX Brazilian Association will be active this week. The team was to be active as of October 7th, but because of a delay, look for them on **October 8th** (Stay

tuned on the SSB IOTA frequencies and 5/10 kHz from the low edge bands on CW). The team will be taking a helicopter trip from Trindade to Martim Vaz Island, which is a big rock of about 130 meters high over Atlantic Ocean. It will be the **first operation in the history of that island** and the first time that somebody inhabited it. This will be a short operation only lasting two days. Look for the callsigns: **ZV0MB** for **SSB** and **ZV0MV** for **CW**. QSL only via PT2GTI (OK in CBA). Cards can be sent either directly or via the bureau. Their land coordinator, Ari, PT2BW, will assist them on the Brazil DX Net (14240 kHz, 0900z).

ZK3, TOKELAU. The "Island News" reports Yvette, F3YA, is active for the next three years as **ZK3YA**. With operation limited to six hours per day due to power restrictions, look for Yvette on 7003 kHz between 1000-1100z. QSL via home callsign.

OPDX WORLD-WIDE WEB HOME (provided by John, K8YSE):

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